GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that India has been campaigning for inclusion of the Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve (ABR) in the UNESCO network for the past few years;
(b) if so, whether the Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve has been included at the International Coordinating Council of the Man and Biosphere programme of UNESCO that concluded in Peru on March, 2016; and
(c) if so, the details and present status thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a)to (c)The 'Nomination document' for Agasthyamalai Biosphere Reserve for inclusion in the World Network of Biosphere Reserves of Man and Biosphere (MAB) Program of UNESCO, was first forwarded to the MAB Secretariat in May 2014. The additional information desired by UNESCO was forwarded in December 2015 and the proposal was approved by the International Coordinating Council of MAB, UNESCO in its 28th Session held in Lima, Peru from 18-19 March, 2016. UNESCO Website has notified Agasthyamalai Biosphere Reserve in the World Network for Biosphere Reserves.

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